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ARRIVALS.

March 3. UERMANN, German bark, 444, M. TRAUSON, Amoy 2nd March, Ballast.—WIELER & Co.

March 3. WHAMPOA, British str., 1,100, W. N. ALISON, Suez, 27th February, Rice and Puldy.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE

March 4. LEXHANG, British steamer, 1,092, SAWOR, Whampoa 4th March, General.—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

March 4. INDIA, German steamer, 227, N. EMERKA, Toulon 26th February, General.—A. R. MARTY.

March 4. CELEBES, Dutch steamer, 1,423, J. C. JOON, Java via Saigon 15th February, General.—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

March 4. YANGTZE, British steamer, 814, SCHULZ, Whampoa 4th March, General.—SIEBENFELD & Co.

March 4. ANTON, German steamer, 896, E. AUBREY, Pakho 1st March, and Hoikow 3rd, General.—WIELER & Co.

March 4. PAUNBER, British steamer, 886, JACKSON, Whampoa 4th March, General.—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBORMASTER'S OFFICE.

4TH MARCH.

Albion, British str., for Saigon.

Portuguese, British str., for Saigon.

Zafiro, British str., for Amoy.

Antonio, British str., for Amoy.

Foreword, German str., for Tientsin.

Lessona, British str., for Tientsin.

Wolff Castle, British str., for Manila.

Falkenburg, German str., for Saigon.

Gelehr, British str., for Shanghai.

Niugao, British str., for Shanghai.

Trifis, German str., for Saigon.

Praemus, British str., for Chefoo.

DEPARTURES.

March 4. SIGNAL, German str., for Hoikow.

March 4. WELLINGSTORF, German steamer, for Saigon.

March 4. KAROW, British steamer, for Saigon.

March 4. PAUNBER, British steamer, for Bangkok.

March 4. THIBET, British str., for Yokohama.

March 4. ACTIV, Danish str., for Haiphong.

March 4. FALKENHORN, German steamer, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Whampoa, str., from Seigon.—1 Chinese.

Per Celebes, str., from Java.—49 Chinese.

Per China, str., from Toulon.—14 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamer Whampoa from Saigon 27th February, reports had moderate weather to Paracel, thence to port strong monsoon and heavy seas.

The Dutch steamer Celebes from Java via Saigon 25th February, reports had fine weather until Paracel; afterwards strong N.E. winds, high seas with rain.

AMONG SHIPPING.

February 29. Hailbow, British str., from Shanghai.

20. Wenchow, British str., from Swatow.

20. Formosa, British str., from Taiwaufo.

20. Prometheus, British str., from Hoikow.

20. Fokion, British str., from Tamsui.

21. Zafiro, British str., from Hongkong.

21. Thales, British str., from Hongkong.

21. Telemos, British str., from Hongkong.

21. Nansen, British str., from Hoikow.

22. Hilda, British str., from Shanghai.

23. Anglo-Indian, British bark, from Chefoo.

23. Newchwang, British str., from Shanghai.

24. Yelush, Chinese str., from Swatow.

25. Telamon, British str., from Hoikong.

25. Glucksburg, German str., from Hoikong.

25. Paunber, British str., from Shanghai.

25. Happong, British str., from Hongkong.

25. Yelush, Chinese str., from Swatow.

25. Prometheus, British str., for Shanghai.

25. Fokion, British str., for Hoikow.

25. Zafiro, British str., for Manila.

25. Thales, British str., for Fochow.

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THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

SIR.—There seems to be a very general opinion that the decision at yesterday's meeting was come to in haste, and that we are already beginning to regret it. Friends, as well as foes, of the Park scheme admit that it would have been wiser if the meeting had been adjourned after passing the resolution of the Park, and I did not notice any arguments against the Park, except one of which was mentioned by the Chairman, namely, that it would have been a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee, as neither Chinese nor foreigners would call it by a new name. In that connection it should be remembered that the name of our City is Victoria. We have the "Victoria Recreation Club," the "Victoria College," the "Victoria Hotel," etc., etc., all of which the Queen's Jubilee.

As a last argument I contend that the formation of a Park is a municipal matter and should, if at all, be undertaken by the Government. Upon this same ground I object to the various charitable institutions which have been proposed. Worst of all, we have the "Parks." We have, quite young, experts fastened upon us, the members of the band of the rascals of Kwangtung, without the further burden and cost of a poverty-stricken drag of the province. And not having stated my objections to the Park scheme, permit me to trespass yet further upon your space that I may lay before my fellow citizens my views as to the form the Memorial should take.

Her Majesty's Jubilee is a great and exceptional occasion, and we are all agreed that something should be done which will not only honor our Queen but at the same time do credit to ourselves and be a lasting benefit to the present and future generations of all races and classes of this mixed community. Why the Park will not meet these conditions I have already stated above. But beyond that a higher consideration works in our favor, which seems to have been lost sight of by the speakers at the City Hall on the other day. I allude to the personal element. It is Queen Victoria's Jubilee, a matter inseparable from Her august and beloved person. According to my mode of thinking the memorial should assume some form which will recall Her Majesty's gracious presence in Queen Victoria and the Queen who is next to honor and to remember. I therefore urge that the memorial take one of the following forms:

1.—A figure of the Queen in Imperial robes, an enthroned, and covered with a handsome architectural canopy.

2.—A bronze equestrian statue of Her Majesty. Or 3.—An art gallery comprising amongst its treasures either a large painting or a collection of Her Majesty's portraits.

I have put these suggestions forward as alternative proposals but if the money ran to it there is no reason why we should not have a gallery coupled with a statue of less importance.

There are many arguments I could advance in support of my views, but the following will suffice. In the first place it seems strange that in this one of the brightest gems of Her Majesty's reign there is not a readily accessible picture of the Queen to be seen.

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There was an effort to have the Mass celebrated by the Marquis de Beauvais. Among the nobility present was M. Boëche, the Duc de Beugue, the Duc de Roquessou, Biron, and the Comte de Mu.

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Hanck added my humble quota to the discussion, nor proceeding upon the subject that charged with it, he advised to place the Queen and making it a matter of personal interest to give it to the educational and moral effect which such a memorial would have upon the native portion of the community.

At present, as I have proposed, the Queen's statue would be a joy to all, but the inconstancy of the Queen's school, a school which was even anticipated.

No one will deny that a school for girls is as much needed here as in the northern Settlement. If the public made a stand by an endowment fund the Government could not refuse to grant a piece of ground or even to cede a building. I believe, however, that room could be found in St. Paul's College, and I think we might be able to find the support and assistance of some good-minded men.

In that case the Government would assist the endowment fund and of course give a scholarship of equal value to that now given for the boys. It is a necessity which must be met soon, and what more appropriate honour could we pay to our Queen than the foundation of "The Queen's College for Girls" or what scheme would be the likeliest to meet such an application?

Once accepted it may be taken for granted that some of our wealthy philanthropists would assist the scheme by the offer of scholarships. It will be generations before the Chinese will educate their daughters as they do their sons, but even amongst that class every facility should be given to the girls who are willing to avail themselves of this opportunity to step into a higher civilization.

If therefore the Chinese subscribe towards a Jubilee fund let a proportionate part of the sum raised be devoted to the foundation of "The Queen's School for Chinese Girls." It would be a noble work begun, one which would do more in one generation towards introducing the leaves of progress in China than has yet been effected by Hong Kong. I am a Christian as regards doctrine, but I am not a Christian in character. I have seen something of the work of missionaries, and can bear testimony to the wonderful difference in a Chinese household the female members of which are Christians; order and cleanliness take the place of dirt and squalor, and lying and filthy language is at least very greatly reduced. We will rather see our work done in the schools than in the streets, and the conversion of the masses involves a certain amount of education. But I must not wander from the subject of the Queen's Jubilee. There is undoubtedly a strong feeling abroad that a hasty decision has been come to, owing to the cut and dried meeting, and that another meeting should be called after people have had time to consider the schemes that are proposed in the paper, and to think the consequences which would result in a Memorial to Her Majesty, and on which she would herself approve.

Yours faithfully,

ARS LONGA.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1887.

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TO THE EDITOR OF "THE DAILY PRESS."

SIR.—A correspondent in last evening's China Mail suggests that a Statue of Her Majesty should be placed in the Glenway Road. That is a reasonable suggestion, and would be a fitting memorial of the Queen's reign.

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